

**Listing of the Claims:**

The following is a listing of all claims in this application, with an indication of the status of each, and a strikethrough and underlining to show changes:

1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) A hard copy creation method comprising:

providing an image data for a two-dimensional image;

providing a three-dimension information identified by three-

dimensional characteristics of objects represented in said two-dimensional  
image;

6           recording an image on a recording medium on a side of an image  
7 recording surface, based on said image data; and

8           forming on said image recording surface a transparent coat layer,  
9 covering an area in the image, having asperities with a form based on said  
10 three-dimensional information corresponding to three-dimensional  
11 information of said image so as to cover at least a part of said image  
12 recording surface, thereby creating a hard-copy.

1       3. (Original) The hard copy creation method according to claim 2,

2           wherein said three-dimensional information is one or more of  
3           information on positions of objects forming said image, information on  
4           depths of surfaces of said objects, information on directions of the surfaces  
5           of said objects, and information on edge portions of said objects, and  
6           a state of said asperities of the transparent coat layer is determined  
7           in correspondence with the positions of said objects.

1       4. (Original) The hard copy creation method according to claim 2,

2           wherein said state of said asperities of the transparent coat layer is  
3           one or more of a difference of height in said asperities, a formation

4 frequency of said asperities, a formation density of said asperities, a  
5 aggregation pattern of said asperities, and a thickness of said transparent  
6 coat layer.

1 5. (Original) The hard copy creation method according to claim 2,  
2 wherein said image is recorded by modulating an image recording  
3 unit according to digital image data, and said three-dimensional information  
4 accompanies said digital image data.

1 6. (Original) The hard copy creation method according to claim 2,  
2 wherein said image to be recorded on said recording medium on the  
3 side of said image recording surface is adjusted according to said three-  
4 dimensional information.

1 7. (Currently Amended) A hard copy creation method comprising:  
2 recording an image on a recording medium on a side of an image  
3 recording surface; and  
4 forming a transparent coat layer, having asperities, on a designated  
5 area of said image recording surface, wherein the asperities are formed  
6 using shape data of describing the asperities, wherein the shape data  
7 corresponds to the textures of materials of objects forming said image.

1 8. (Original) The hard copy creation method according to claim 7,  
2 wherein said recording step of said image is performed by  
3 modulating a image recording unit according to digital image data an image  
4 obtained by reproducing said digital image data as a visible image is  
5 displayed for indication of said designated area.

- 1        9. (Original) The hard copy creation method according to claim 8,  
2                wherein said formation of said transparent coat layer with respect to  
3                said designated area is performed according to a result of area extraction  
4                by analysis of said digital image data.
- 1        10. (Currently Amended) The hard copy creation method according to  
2                claim 7,  
3                wherein said shape data describing said asperities is created in  
4                correspondence with one or more of a texture of metal type material, a  
5                texture of resin type material, a texture of cloth type material, and a texture  
6                of wood type material.
- 1        11. (Original) The hard copy creation method according to claim 7,  
2                wherein said shape data describing said asperities has one or more  
3                of information concerning a difference of height in said asperities of said  
4                transparent coat layer, a formation frequency of said asperities of said  
5                transparent coat layer, a formation density of said asperities of said  
6                transparent coat layer, a coagulation pattern of said asperities of said  
7                transparent coat layer, and a thickness of said transparent coat layer.
- 1        12. (Original) A hard copy creation method comprising:  
2                analyzing two-dimensional image data to extract a surface area of  
3                an image to be reproduced or having been reproduced from said two-  
4                dimensional image data and detect density variation in the thus extracted  
5                surface area of said image; and  
6                forming, on at least a part of an image recording surface of a hard  
7                copy in which said image reproduced from said two-dimensional image  
8                data has been recorded, a transparent coat layer having asperities  
9                corresponding to the thus detected density variation in the extracted

10 surface area of said image in correspondence with said extracted surface  
11 area of said image.

1 13. (Original) The hard copy creation method according to claim 12,  
2 wherein said two-dimensional image data is obtained by  
3 photoelectrically scanning said image recorded in said hard copy.

1 14. (Original) The hard copy creation method according to claim 12,  
2 wherein said two-dimensional image data is obtained by  
3 photoelectrically scanning said image recorded in said hard copy.

1 15. (Original) The hard copy creation method according to claim 12,  
2 wherein surface area having larger density variation has a larger  
3 size of said asperities of said transparent coat layer corresponding to said  
4 surface area.

1 16. (Original) The hard copy creation method according to claim 12,  
2 wherein said at least a part of the image recording surface of said  
3 hard copy corresponds to the extracted surface area of said image.

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1 19. (New) The hard copy creation method according to claim 2,  
2 wherein said three-dimension information includes surface  
3 properties of said objects.